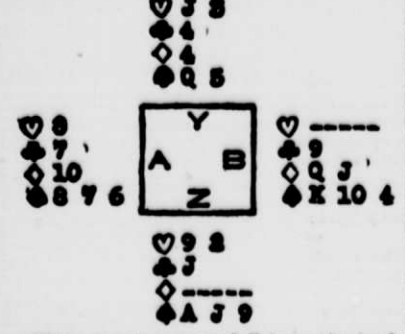


## PROBLEMS FOR "SUN" READERS TO SOLVE

Practical Lesson for the Beginner at Bridge Illustrated—A Question of Reentries.

### SOME CHECKER ENDINGS

Bridge problem No. 333 was a good practical lesson for the beginner in a part of the game in which many beginners are easily deficient, providing for the possibility that it may be necessary to put the same hand into the lead twice. Here is the distribution:



Clubs are trumps and Z is in the lead. Y and Z want all six tricks against any defense.

The solution is for Z to lead the trump, so as to exhaust that suit and prevent B from ruffing the winning hearts. The next card to be led is not the deuce, the object being to hold a card which the partner can win on the second round in case the opponents put up a defense that might make that necessary. Y overtakes the nine of hearts with the jack.

Y now leads the spade queen with a view to establishing the same position in spades that Z has brought about in hearts. It may be vital for Z to be able to win the second round of spades in case B varies his defense to what is to follow.

If B refuses to cover the queen with the king Z lets the queen hold the trick and Y comes through with another spade, making the jack and ace good for two tricks over B's king and ten, and then the trick of hearts in Y's hand wins the last trick.

But if B covers the spade queen with the king the importance of the original lead of the heart nine becomes apparent. Z wins the spade trick with the deuce and puts Y in again by leading the deuce of hearts, so that Y may be able to come through B once more with a spade.

If this spade is not small enough for Z to overtake it without giving up the command, the problem cannot be solved. This is an excellent example of a position that is continually arising in actual play, the importance of which is not lessened by the fact that the necessity for it may not arise.

If Z starts with the smaller of his two hearts, and Y wins the trick with the jack, it makes no difference in the result if B refuses to put the king of spades on the queen. But when B covers the spade lead, Y cannot get in to come through the ten and four, because Z cannot throw the lead into Y's hand.

Again, if Y leads the smaller of his two spades, B will pass it up, no matter how the hearts have been managed. Z will win with the nine, and will throw Y back into the lead with the deuce of hearts, but when Y comes along with the spade queen, B will refuse to cover it, and Z cannot afford to overtake it.

This leaves Y in the lead, and all he can make is the heart, after which he must lose a diamond. If Z overtakes the queen with the ace, he must lead a losing spade up to B's king. This furnishes a good example of a position in which two very bad plays might not cost anything if the opponents did not put up an equally bad defense.

Here is an instructive example of the manner in which apparently unimportant cards may be established in the hand of a careful player if he pays sufficient attention to the question of reentries. Many fair players fall into the error of setting up a suit in the wrong hand, overlooking the fact that there are no reentries cards to bring it in after it is established.

### BRIDGE PROBLEM NO. 335.



Clubs are trumps and Z is in the lead. Y and Z want seven tricks against any defense.

The distribution of the cards is as follows: Y has the nine, seven, six, four of hearts; ten, nine, eight, seven, six, four of diamonds and jack of spades. A has the ten of hearts; seven, five of trumps; king, queen of diamonds; ten, nine and seven of spades. B has the king, jack of hearts; eight of trumps; jack, ten, nine of diamonds; six and four of spades. Z has the ace, queen, three of hearts; ten of trumps; ace, seven, six and three of diamonds; no spades.

Problem No. 334 brought out a number of favorable comments agreeing with the opinion expressed by the player who sent it to THE SUN that it was a very neat and effective stroke, with a pleasing surprise for the person who succeeded in solving it.

The distribution of the pieces is: Black men on 4, 5, 11 and 13; kings on 2 and 32. White men on 18, 22, 23 and 31; kings on 3 and 10. White to play and win. Here are the moves that solve:

White: 3-7, 8-11, 9-12, 10-13, 11-14, 12-15, 13-16, 14-17, 15-18, 16-19, 17-20, 18-21, 19-22, 20-23, 21-24, 22-25, 23-26, 24-27, 25-28, 26-29, 27-30, 28-31, 29-32, 30-33, 31-34, 32-35, 33-36, 34-37, 35-38, 36-39, 37-40, 38-41, 39-42, 40-43, 41-44, 42-45, 43-46, 44-47, 45-48, 46-49, 47-50, 48-51, 49-52, 50-53, 51-54, 52-55, 53-56, 54-57, 55-58, 56-59, 57-60, 58-61, 59-62, 60-63, 61-64, 62-65, 63-66, 64-67, 65-68, 66-69, 67-70, 68-71, 69-72, 70-73, 71-74, 72-75, 73-76, 74-77, 75-78, 76-79, 77-80, 78-81, 79-82, 80-83, 81-84, 82-85, 83-86, 84-87, 85-88, 86-89, 87-90, 88-91, 89-92, 90-93, 91-94, 92-95, 93-96, 94-97, 95-98, 96-99, 97-100, 98-101, 99-102, 100-103, 101-104, 102-105, 103-106, 104-107, 105-108, 106-109, 107-110, 108-111, 109-112, 110-113, 111-114, 112-115, 113-116, 114-117, 115-118, 116-119, 117-120, 118-121, 119-122, 120-123, 121-124, 122-125, 123-126, 124-127, 125-128, 126-129, 127-130, 128-131, 129-132, 130-133, 131-134, 132-135, 133-136, 134-137, 135-138, 136-139, 137-140, 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